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Honoring military children during the National Month of the Military Child.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring military children during the National Month of
the Military Child.

Whereas more than 2,600,000 individuals demonstrate courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the reserves or active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas 35.9 percent of active duty members of the Armed Forces have children;

Whereas approximately 2,000,000 military children have experienced a parental deployment since September 11, 2001;

Whereas no one feels the effect of deployments more than the children of deployed members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas approximately 2,300,000 children under the age of 18 live with a veteran who is disabled;

Whereas more than 25,000 military children have experienced the death of a military parent since September 11, 2001;

Whereas the daily struggles and personal sacrifices of children of members of the Armed Forces are too often unnoticed;

Whereas countless children live with a parent who is a member of the Armed Forces and who bears a visible or invisible wound of war;

Whereas the children of members of the Armed Forces are a source of pride and honor to the people of the United States, and it is fitting that the United States recognize the contributions and celebrate the spirit of such children;

Whereas the National Month of the Military Child, observed in April of each year, recognizes military children for their sacrifices and contributes to demonstrating the unconditional support of the United States for members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas, in addition to programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to support military families and military children, various programs and campaigns have been established in the private and nonprofit sectors to honor, support, and thank military children by fostering awareness and appreciation for the sacrifices and the challenges that these children face; and

Whereas a month-long salute to military children encourages support for the organizations and campaigns established

to provide direct support for military children and families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) joins the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in honoring the children
3 of members of the Armed Forces and recognizes
4 that such children share in the burden of protecting
5 the United States; and

6 (2) urges the people of the United States to
7 join the military community in observing the National
8 Month of the Military Child with appropriate
9 ceremonies and activities that honor, support, and
10 thank military children.
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